

Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

The Life of the Land is Established
in Righteousness.

HONOLULU, SEPT. 19, 1893

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Sometime ago the Star published an alleged interview with one of Mr. Spreckels employees, (probably the bottle-washer on the Australia,) in which it was asserted that the Colonel had dropped out of Hawaiian politics, that he had seen his mistake in opposing the P. G., and that he had transferred his Hawaiian property for fear of confiscation. We publish to-day an interview which a representative of the San Francisco Call had with the Colonel, and in which Mr. Spreckels speaks about Hawaiian affairs in the most unmistakable language.

The appointment of Mr. Ellis Mills to be Consul-General here has made the Star man feel billions and he requests the P. G. to refuse to accept Mr. Mills, and promises to give reasons why such action should be taken. The Star editor reminds us very forcibly of the frog which, at one time, attempted to blow himself up to the size of a bullock. A few days ago the Star said that the P. G. should refuse to have an election taken here, even if the United States should demand such a measure; and now he wants the government to take the very unusual step of refusing to accept a Consul-General especially selected and appointed as the most suitable man for the place. It is fortunate for the P. G. that it has at its head so sagacious a man as Mr. Hatch. If some of the smaller fry, built on the lines of the Star editor, were holding the helm of the ship of state his advice might be listened to and acted upon, and then—well the frog bursted.

Our scintillating evening contemporary, the annexation club mouth-piece, has been hit hard in a soft spot by the news of the determination of the United States Government to hold a plebiscite on the form of Government for Hawaii nei, and it throws down the gauntlet to the United States, and announces that no vote can be taken without the consent (sic!) of the provisional government. The fact that President Cleveland and his advisers want the expression of the popular voice in Hawaii upon this subject, conclusively shows that they do not believe the oft and loudly reiterated protestations of Thurston and his crowd of satellites, that the people of Hawaii are largely in favor of annexation. The Star man, as well as all the contributors to his weekly salary know well that the result of such a call for the popular opinion, will be almost unanimously in favor of the restoration of the Queen to the throne from which she was removed by a superannuated expreacher, for the purpose of giving the elect of the church another grab at the tax-payers' money.

As the appointment of a new Minister and Consul-General to Hawaii can be construed in no other way than an official notice

that annexation is dead, is it not time for the P. G. and its morning and evening gas-bags to shut up shop, and gracefully retire into oblivion in company with their patron saint, John L., and his tea-service?

Private advices received yesterday from Washington by a prominent gentleman here confirm the *Chronicle* report in regard to the taking of a plebiscite in Hawaii under American supervision. That such would be the ultimate result of the situation here, we have always fully believed, and when the Hon. Paul Neumann in his open letter to Mr. Dole urged the government to voluntarily adopt the measure we were convinced, that the day was coming near when the P. G. would have to swallow the bitter pill and appears in its true colors before the eyes of the world as being an usurping government supported by only a small minority. Mr. Neumann is not in the habit of wasting his time or his ink by rushing into print, and writing about something which he knows nothing about. And the implied prophecy which was contained in his open letter was understood and appreciated by the intelligent portion of the community, while only a few rabid annexationists led by their chief of Star fame, refused to believe the possibility of the United States establishing in Hawaii through ballots a free government of the people by the people and for the people.

They hoped against hope, and kept on dreaming about permanent power and permanent government pap. The awakening is now to come, and for their own sakes we should advise them to take their medicine with good grace rather than having it rammed down their throats to the music of the cannons on the Yorktown, Charleston, and Philadelphia,—and then we should suggest that they get their 7,000 voters from the annexation club ready to cast their ballots.

Mr. Arthur Johnstone, the editor of the P. C. Advertiser and the truthful correspondent for the Associated Press, calls the HAWAII HOLOMUA an anti-American journal, and says that it will fight Americans. We would now like to know if Mr. Johnstone of the P. C. Advertiser, etc., considers himself an American?

Since the receipt of the news by the China, and the Star man's growling, it is amusing to note that this is the first occasion Mr. Johnstone of the Advertiser has shown any sense—he has kept his mouth shut.

Mr. Thurston's offer to the management of the California Mid-winter Fair to have the Hawaiian National Band give a "performance" to-morrow night for the benefit of the Fair is a fresh proof of the impudence of the pet of the Reform Party. It is possible, of course, that he simply was imposed on by Mr. George C. Beckley who, with his well-developed fund of conceit, might have promised everything impossible and perhaps has made it appear as if he had the slightest influence among the Hawaiians here. Mr. Thurston, who undoubtedly makes a first-class advance agent for any traveling circus, will be disappointed;

but, as Mr. Beckley was told, it is rather late in the day for these patriots to show their love for the Hawaiians by getting the band-boys on a junketing expedition for the sole benefit of the pockets of the stockholders in the Thurston dime museum.

The show by the way doesn't seem to be a great success. Of course we have heard a great deal about a dividend of 30 per cent. being declared, but, although that sounds big, it is a very poor showing. People taking stocks in a concern like the Cyclorama Company naturally desire to get their coin back besides a profit, but when the show is over, the property of the company isn't worth anything, so all that the shareholders will see will be \$30, (if it ever is paid) for each \$100 invested. It may be good financing (good for Thurston) and it may even be financing on the Darnoc plan, but we fear that the deluded men who took stock in Thurston, and his show will not rush into the show-business in a hurry again. In the meantime, Mr. Thurston will draw his ministerial salary, besides travelling expenses, and snap his fingers at the stockholders in all the different companies to which he has acted as promoter, and then he will sing with Heywood:

Let the world glide, let the world go!
A fig for care, and a fig for woe!
If I can't pay, why, I can owe
And death makes equal the high and low.

The news that cholera has broken out on the Atlantic coast at Jersey city, is of more than ordinary moment to Hawaii, owing to the comparatively short time requisite for direct communication between Honolulu and the infected city. If cholera should ever gain a foothold in this country it would be far more deadly than either small-pox or measles have proved to be, and once let it appear, the question of annexation or no annexation will fade away and be merged into a plan of repopulating these fertile isles. The Board of Health should awake to the gravity of the situation and take energetic measures to prevent the slightest possibility of contagion. Assuredly the life of the whole community is of more moment than whether the Port Physician shall be an annexationist or a royalist—either will do, if he be a competent, energetic man, and not an antediluvian fossil.

The Boston.

When the Boston sails on the 27th inst. from the Hawaiian waters, we hope the unpleasant episode which has disturbed the internal affairs of our little country is nearing its end. It will be impossible in the future for the Hawaiians to connect in their memories, the Boston and her officers in a kind or friendly manner. Although the officers and men on board her only obeyed the orders of their superior when the lawless landing took place on the 16th of January they have been inclined to take sides in the political storm here and have been looked on with distrust and suspicion by the majority of the community. Several of the officers followed in the footsteps of the late Captain Wiltse and became offensively partisans and

annexationists. The unusual sight of seeing the naval officers of a friendly country play the role of stump speakers and ward politicians made a deep impression on the Hawaiians and was a source of great surprise and amusement to the respectable foreigners here. The Boston now departs and we trust that she will find other fields in the future for her ventures than the Hawaiian Islands. We cannot promise her a welcome in this port.

Emma Street.

What have the unfortunate residents of Emma street done that the powers that be should treat them in such an outrageous manner by turning the prettiest and shadiest street in Honolulu into a wilderness and a desert, inaccessible both to carriages and pedestrians? We have never yet seen any Road Supervisor tearing a whole street to pieces at once. As a rule, the side-walks are left undisturbed until the carriage road is finished, but not so here. We should suggest to the residents on Emma street to do something, say get out an injunction, or a writ of error, or a —damus against the Road Supervisor and the Minister of Interior, compelling them to put back the trees and get the street in a shape fit for traveling.

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